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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 675X), CSX Transportation, Abandonment Exemption in Ware County, GA

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

On January 9, 2008, the City of Waycross, GA ("Waycross") filed a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility for a 1.08-mile rail line in Waycross between milepost AP 588 84 and milepost AP 587.76, in Ware County, GA (the "Line").

The current negotiating period for the Line expired on July 31, 2008. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Waycross, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Waycross for the Line. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to reinstate the interim trail use/rail banking condition and grant a 180-day period of time to April 1, 2009 to negotiate trail use with Waycross. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to May 31, 2009.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$450. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed self addressed stamped envelop. If you have any questions please call or email me

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Cc: Ms. Cardwell

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